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From the Township Secretary

By Randy Miller

TOWNSHIP BUDGET UPDATE

With this newsletter article, I hope to update the Township Residents on the 2011, end of year revenue and expenses, and the 2012 forecast.

General Fund Budget

Real estate tax revenues have remained consistent over the past years, even though additional taxable parcels and buildings have been added to the tax base. This is due in part to several reductions in the assessed values of large industrial and commercial properties. The revenues for Local Services Tax (LST) and Earned Income Tax (EIT) have stabilized, and the new collector, Keystone Collections, has made progress in collecting and dispersing these revenues in a timely fashion.

Revenue was approximately \$173,000.00 less than budgeted for the year 2011 which was a revenue increase of approximately \$176,000.00 over the 2010 revenue.

Expenditures for the year were approximately \$232,000.00 less than budgeted for 2011. The Township operated approximately \$59,000.00 in the black.

For 2012, the Supervisors passed a budget that is \$15,075.00 less than the 2011 Budget. Additionally, the Supervisors held the property tax millage at the same rate as 2011. Revenues in 2012 are expected to be near or above the 2011 year's revenue.

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Township Budget Cont'd

The Township building is complete, with some minor "Punch-List" items remaining to be completed. The total costs for the new building including change orders, and installation of new fuel tanks at the Maintenance Building, is about \$2,218,000. This was under the expected amount budgeted for the project. Additionally, the Old Township Building has been sold at auction for \$407,000. The proceeds from the auction will be used to lower the debt service on the new building loan.

The result of the building project, cost controls, and repayment of the loan principal amount, using the proceeds of the auction, is a significantly reduced debt service. At present, the millage rate of 0.500 mills, and the resulting revenue of about \$165,000, is sufficient to meet the approximate \$141,000 annual debt service.

Other Budgets

All other Funds, and Taxes (i.e. Street Light, Library, etc.), are remaining the same for 2012.

Our goal is to keep the Caernarvon Township residents well informed of upcoming events and important news through the quarterly newsletters. Copies will be distributed throughout the community at locations such as the Village Library, the Joanna Store, the Heritage Restaurant and Claire's Restaurant. Copies can also be found on our website, www.caernarvon.org.

From the Chief of Police

By Chief Paul R. Stolz, Jr.



FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

For non-emergencies call 610-286-1012

Parking on Township Roadways: Please be aware that Township Ordinance #223 prohibits parking on all Township roadways when roads are snow or ice covered or when plowing, cindering, salting or other snow clearing operations are being performed.



- * Please **DO NOT** park on roadways in the Township when roads are snow or ice covered.
- * **Also, please make arrangements to get your vehicle moved if you are not home.**
- * **Sidewalks** are required by Township Ordinance #167 to be cleared of snow and ice within 48 hours of snow clearing.
- * **Residents, Business Owners, and contractors** are reminded you are not allowed to throw or push the snow back onto the streets.

Parks and Recreation Events

Township Christmas Community Event a Huge Success!

On Saturday, December 3rd, many Township children came to see Santa and enjoyed Pippin the Clown and a wonderful model train display. They were also able to do some "free" holiday shopping for their parents, have a fun time on the moon bounce and enjoy delicious refreshments. Thank you to all who made this a special time of holiday fun for our community!

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Township's Social Hall is now available to rent for any occasion!



There are eighteen 60" round tables, four 48" long rectangular tables and 192 chairs. There is a small kitchen area that includes a sink, refrigerator and microwave. If you would like more information, please contact the Township Office at 610-286-1010.

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Event:

2012 Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Caernarvon Township will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Friendship Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 10 am. This is a free event open to all Township residents. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the Township's Social Hall located at 3307 Main Street. For more information please call 610-286-1010.



2012 Summer Camp Help Wanted – Plans are underway for the Township's 2012 Summer Camp Program. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Camp Counselor team please contact the Township Office, 610-286-1010, for more information about qualifications.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meets the 4th Monday of every month.

Maintenance Department News

By Tom "Pete" Hornberger



Now that winter is upon us we struggle with the roadways freezing and thawing creating those "abscesses" in the roadway everyone calls pot holes. We strive to keep on top of the repair of them, but any help given in the location of the asphalt crater is helpful.

Also, everyone can help the Fire Department by shoveling the snow out from around a fire hydrant that might be by your residence. This will help alleviate any problems in case there's an emergency to respond to in your area.

Don't worry, soon spring will be here and the birds will be singing and the weather will be warm!



We here at the Maintenance Department hope everyone had a pleasant holiday and welcome you into the New Year!

Frequently Asked Questions



Q – Do I need a permit for any demolition work done to a house or building?

A – Yes, a demolition permit is required. Permit applications can be picked up at the Township Office located at 3307 Main Street. Please keep in mind that you **MAY NOT** demolish any commercial building without notifying DEP.

Q – Can a local group schedule a tour of the Township’s Police Department?

A - Yes. Chief Stolz can be contacted for setting up tours for scouts, schools, and other interested groups. The Chief can be reached either by phone, 610-286-1012, or email at pstolz@caernarvon.org.

Caernarvon Township Calendar of Events:



February 20th: Presidents’ Day Observed.
Township Office Closed.

March 31st: Township’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am at Friendship Park.

May 19th: Summer Camp Registration.
Contact the Township for more information, 610-286-1010.

May 28th: Memorial Day Observed.
Township Office is closed.

June 18th – August 10th: Summer Camp (eight weeks no break). Contact the Township for more information, 610-286-1010.

Reminder – The Township Supervisors’ meetings are always held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Township building. The public is welcome to attend.



DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know the Caernarvon Township Police Department now has a Facebook Page?

Yes, the Police Department’s Facebook page is now up and running! They will be posting safety related information along with current crimes and other incidents on the page. They will also be adding an email address that residents can sign up to get emailed information too.



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